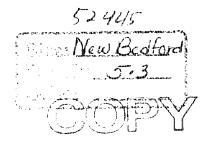
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Dear Mr. Bering:

This will confirm that Everest Consulting Associates, Inc. has been authorized to request and obtain documents on behalf of the defendants in the New Bedford Harbor litigation. This authorization does not waive each defendant's individual right to request and obtain documents from EPA.

Please let me know if you require any additional information before responding to requests from Mr. John Allshouse or others from Everest Consulting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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